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DEVICE )

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RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed October 26, 2000, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 25 and 29, as follows:

25. (Three times amended) A method for steganographically protecting a digital signal comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a carrier signal;
- b) using a stega-cipher [random or pseudo-random key] to steganographically encode independent information including a digital watermark into the carrier signal.

29. (Three times amended) A method for steganographically protecting a digital signal comprising:

- a) providing a carrier signal that has been encoded with independent information;

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